

**NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015**

President Fraim called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following members present: Ms. Graves, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley and Mr. Winn. Mr. Protogyrou was absent.

He stated the first item of business is a closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion for closed session was approved for purposes which are set out in **Clause (s) 3 of subsection (A) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act**, as amended:

- (3) Acquisition of real property for public purpose and disposition of publicly owned real property in the area of Northampton Boulevard and Wesleyan Drive, and disposition of publicly owned real property in the downtown area.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, Riddick, Smigiel, Whibley, Winn and Fraim.

No: None.

**PPEA UPDATE**

Ron Williams, Deputy City Manager, reported as follows:

- Two schools are under construction; the next two will be under construction this time next year.
- The guaranteed maximum price for the four schools is \$101,075,000.
- All elements of the project are being examined and adjustments are being made to achieve cost savings in ways that do not compromise critical elements of the schools and that keep the entire project within the guaranteed maximum price.

Mayor Fraim requested the administration to review significant changes, such as fitness trails and monument signs, with Council before approving the changes.

Mr. Smigiel asked for School Board and staff to be kept informed of proposed changes.

Ms. Johnson asked to see the changes for each school.

## **COUNCIL INTERESTS**

1. Councilman Riddick commented on police shootings throughout the country as well as locally. He suggested that there should be a penalty for police officers who forget to turn their body cameras on. In addition, he suggested a review of Taser and service weapon positioning.
2. Councilman Riddick asked that traffic concerns be addressed: a) speeding through the 800-900 block of Lexington Street and b) using Johnson Avenue the wrong way as a cut-through to O'Keefe Street.
3. Councilman Winn asked on behalf of the Police Union if dues can be withheld directly from officers' paychecks. Councilman Riddick expressed concern about setting a precedent and voiced his opposition to withholding dues from similar type organizations.
4. Councilman Winn asked the City Manager to address issues concerning micro brewer growlers vis-à-vis single serve type alcoholic beverages sold at convenience stores.
5. Councilwoman Whibley asked for more information with regard to the letter from Mary Jane Hall asking Council to nominate citizens as jury commissioners.
6. Councilwoman Whibley asked for a weekly summary on the status of development projects. In addition, Councilman Smigiel asked that the CIP link on the web site be updated and that the project meter be reestablished.
7. Councilwoman Johnson relayed that the French Sister City delegation will be coming to Richard Bowling Elementary School on April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She invited all Council Members to attend.
8. Vice Mayor Williams-Graves asked that: a) issues related to repaving on Duck Pond Road be addressed, and b) issues related to standing water and falling trees in the 700 block of Bayberry Lane be addressed.

9. Councilman Smigiel asked: a) for an update with regard to speeding on Ocean View Avenue and b) for line repainting on Little Creek Road from Tidewater Drive to Chesapeake Boulevard.
10. With regard to the PPEA update: a) Mayor Fraim requested the Administration review significant changes such as fitness trails and monument signs with Council before approving the changes, b) Councilman Smigiel asked that the School Board and staff be kept informed on proposed changes, and c) Councilwoman Johnson asked to see the changes for each school.

## **ZONING ORDINANCE ASSESSMENT**

George Homewood, Director of Planning, reported on this as follows:

- The project began in October 2014.
- Themes for the assessment are: 1) improve user-friendliness; 2) regulations that support resiliency; 3) support district character differences; 4) modernize development standards; and 5) refine nonconformity regulations.
- The next step is to draft the new Zoning Ordinance.